Creation of cargo airline

†2020. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up any cargo airline company in public sector keeping in view of the profit being earned in this business by the national and international private sector airlines companies;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is a commercial decision of the airlines.

Maintenance of aircrafts of PSUs

† 2021. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maintenance work of the aeroplanes of public sector undertakings such as Indian Airlines and Air India has been entrusted to foreign organisations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the foreign organisations entrusted with this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Both Airlines have full-fledged capability to carry out the maintenance work related to its fleet. Only those components for which capability has not been set up mainly because of cost effectiveness, and those components, repairs of which are proprietary in nature are sent to external party.

(c) During year 2002 Air India has sent six aircraft to foreign

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.